

GIANT OF THE BOGS

Mastodons That Have Been Unearthed in Marshy Regions.

HOW SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Has Been Aided by the Discovery of the Extinct Birds and Animals in Wet Lands.

It would perhaps be difficult to find anybody who would speak a good word for swamps. The man who drains one and turns its marshy surface into productive soil is universally regarded as a public benefactor. So the projected draining of the Dismal swamp in Virginia and the Okefenokee swamp of Georgia is regarded only with favor, and few could be found to regret the disappearance of these remarkable features of our American landscape, says Youth's Companion.

Yet, setting aside the strange picturesqueness of such marshy regions and the curiosities of plant life which they exhibit, it is easy to show that swamps have been useful in a manner that could hardly have been anticipated. They have very effectively served the cause of science by preserving the remains of some of the most remarkable of the former inhabitants of the earth.

Here in America, the skeletons of several mastodons have been found imbedded in ancient swamps, and so perfectly preserved that no difficulty whatever has been encountered in restoring the bones to their normal position, setting the skeletons on their feet and thus exhibiting to the eyes of modern man the monster animals which were probably familiar sights to our ancestors nearly a million years ago.

In Ireland the ancient swamps were equally efficacious in preserving for us the gigantic elks which became mired in them.

Swamps have proved no less useful agents of science in other parts of the world, and particularly in Australia, New Zealand and Madagascar. What could be more interesting than the bones of a giant bird which was in all probability the roc described by Sindbad? Just such bones have been discovered in the marshes of Madagascar and New Zealand, and there is plenty of evidence that the great birds which owned them were the contemporaries of men in the past history of those islands. But for the swamps we might have remained ignorant of the fact that birds with legs larger and heavier than those of the largest heron once flourished in the southern hemisphere.

Lately these Madagascar swamps have yielded other remains of extinct animals, hardly less interesting than the huge bird, the epiorhina, itself. These are the skeletons of a creature resembling a lemur of gigantic size, but remarkable for the small quantity of brain which it possessed. It is said that man was responsible for the destruction and disappearance of this creature. If so it was probably a simple case of brains against brute force.

There is reason for thinking that still other discoveries remain to be made in Madagascar—discoveries that will possibly bring to light even more interesting facts concerning the former inhabitants of that part of the world.

Suppose one of our swamps, which we regard as utterly useless, should preserve to a remote future age the only remains of some animal like the bison or the tiger, now rapidly becoming extinct. The men of science then living would have the same reason for rejoicing that that swamp had existed that we have for being thankful for the revelations contained in the swamps of ancient days.

A CLEAR CASE OF BUNCO.

Artifice Adopted Successfully by a Negro Beggar of Panama.

I had just started from the hotel toward the market place, when I noticed an elderly dandy, standing on the opposite side of the street, looking from one to another of the people going in and out of the various entrances to the hotel. The moment his eyes caught mine his face lighted up, and with outstretched hand and a smile he

came hurrying across the way, says a correspondent of the New York Sun.

"If de Lord, him, I'm glad to see you. I've been lookin' for you all this mornin'."

There was no refusing such a cordial greeting. I shook hands and said: "Looking for me? I don't know you. How did you happen to be looking for me?"

"How come I look for you? I've guine tell you. You're you don't know me. I've guine tell you 'bout dat, too. I've been waitin' for you because I don't had no monthful of coffee dis blessed mornin'." I've on de beach an' I'd jess like ter berry a dime."

It was a clear case of Panama bunco, but there was such a happy expression on his face—he so thoroughly enjoyed his little game and he worked it so well—that there was no refusing him. He is the most artistic negro beggar to be found on the streets of Panama. They are, without exception, from the islands ruled by the British in the West Indies, and they beg only of English-speaking strangers. On every corner and on several blocks between corners, while waiting to the market, I met negro men. Without exception they bowed and touched their hats and said: "Good mornin', boss. I've on de beach, sah. A dime, please, if you please." "On the beach" is equivalent to the American "on his uppers," or "dead broke."

BACKED OUT AT THE ALTAR.

Now a Young Englishwoman Thwarted Her Father's Matrimonial Plans.

If all the young women were like Miss Amy Lambert it would be a training to parents in the way they should go. Mr. Lambert, the father of Miss Amy, was a signaler in the government telegraph office at Allahabad, India. Probably he had been induced by what he saw of life in India. At any rate, he regarded his daughter much as he did the telegraph instruments in his office. With those he pressed a button and it recorded whatever he wanted it to. He expected Miss Amy to do the same.

Finally Mr. Pussana, a dusky gentleman in the employ of a native prince, met the daughter of the signaler, and she pleased him. She was so eminently satisfactory to his fancy that he forthwith announced to her father that he wished to marry her.

The telegraph operator thought it over. Court gentlemen, even if rather swarthy ones, were not to be had every day, and it behooved the father of a family of daughters to allow possible wooers to come early and often. So he announced to Miss Amy that her future was arranged for and to prepare for the wedding on such and such a day. When the astonished young woman recovered from her surprise she assured her father that she liked not the rajah's brunette courtier, and that to the best of her knowledge the wedding would not come off. Her father pooh-poohed this outburst, told her to draw on him for all she needed for a suitable trousseau, and took himself off to drink with his future son-in-law.

Then it was that Miss Amy Lambert made up her mind as to a course of action. During the succeeding weeks, although she repeatedly and decisively told her father that she could not and would not be happy with Mr. Pussana, she nevertheless, finding that no heed was paid to her remonstrances, joined with interest in the preparations for the wedding. At last the day of the ceremony arrived. Miss Amy Lambert, dressed in a beautiful new gown, and with a pleasant consciousness that she had more new clothes at home than she had ever dreamed of possessing all at once, rode to the church in company with her father, who, beholding her placid and satisfied face, told himself what a wise father he had been.

"All one needs," said the telegraph operator to himself, "is a little firmness. Silly girls should never be allowed to have their own way in these matters."

And all the time the bride-elect smiled softly to herself, as if her thoughts were peculiarly pleasant. The clergyman, Rev. Brook Deedes, thought he had never seen a happier-looking couple and began the ceremony with the warm expectation of a goodly fee. He bowed merrily along until he reached the question: "Will you have this man to be your wedded husband?" He expected a faint "I will," but was almost paralyzed to receive an emphatic negative from the young woman, who at the same time

handed him a document setting forth some of her objections.

Of course the wedding did not come off. The guests dispersed in various directions, some of them going to console with the determined young woman's father, who was expected to be much downcast. Strange to say, however, he was so delighted with his daughter's strategy that he was quite hilarious over the affair and did not even begrudge her the fine new wardrobe she had acquired. What because of the bridegroom history (in the shape of the Allahabad News) does not record, but after this he will probably not attempt to marry an English girl against her will.

A BEAR'S REVENGE.

An Old Grizzly Lion in Wait for the Possible Transgressor.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, writing of grizzly bears in his book, "The Wilderness Hunter," relates a story told him by Dr. Merrill, of the United States army. "A remarkable incident," Mr. Roosevelt calls it. Dr. Merrill, in company with an old hunter, was following an elk trail in a deep, narrow canyon.

On turning a corner of the canyon, the two men were charged on by an old grizzly, so close that it was only by good luck that one of their hurried shots disabled her and sent her tumbling over a bank, where she was easily finished.

They found that she had been lying directly across the game trail on a smooth, well-beaten patch of bare earth, which looked as if it had been dug up, refilled, and trampled down. Examining this patch curiously, they saw a bit of hide only partially covered at one end, and, digging they found the body of a well-grown grizzly cub. Its skull had been crushed and the brains licked out, and there were signs of other injuries.

The hunters pondered long over this strange discovery, and hazarded many guesses as to its meaning. At last they decided that probably the cub had been killed and its brains eaten, either by some old grizzly or by a cougar; that the mother had returned and driven away the murderer, and that she had then buried the boy and lain above it, waiting to wreak her vengeance on the first passer-by.

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